

November 4-10, 2009



**\$1475.00** PER PERSON

(plus \$245.00 US departure tax\*)

Enjoy  
**Kevin McKrell**  
*"Into The West"*  
**Tour of Ireland**



<p><b>Day 1</b>  <b>November 4</b>  <b>Wednesday</b></p>	<p><b>USA-Ireland.</b> Depart USA for overnight flight to Ireland. Dinner and in-flight entertainment is served shortly after take-off.</p>
<p><b>Day 2</b>  <b>November 5</b>  <b>Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>Shannon-Killarney.</b> Morning arrival at Shannon Airport where you are greeted by your Driver/Guide. Leaving the airport we travel to a nearby venue where everyone will have an opportunity to stretch their legs and fetch a cup of coffee. Continue on and gaze at the majestic awe of the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher. O'Brien's Tower is the best location from which to view the Cliffs. From this vantage point one can see the Aran Islands as well as The Twelve Pins and the Maum Turk Mountains to the north in Connemara. Today the wild Atlantic Ocean is on your side as you head out to <b>Doolin</b>. We make a lunch stop (at your expense) and enjoy our <i>First Session</i> in a local Pub! We make our way south into County Kerry and Killarney. Sites of interest in the town reflect its strong religious and educational history. Killarney was a monastic settlement from the 5th or 6th Century and house settlement began here from around 1500. Explore colorful laneways, a fine cathedral and experience the ambience of busy streets in the town centre. Nestled amidst deep, lake filled valleys with astounding sights such as the famous Ladies' View (Named after Queen Victoria's Ladies' in Waiting) and the MacGillicuddy Reeks - Ireland's largest mountain range, home of Carrauntoohil the country's largest peak. <b>Welcome Dinner and overnight The Killarney Towers Hotel.</b></p>
<p><b>Day 3</b>  <b>November 6</b>  <b>Friday</b></p>	<p><b>Dingle.</b> After breakfast we depart Killarney for the Dingle Peninsula. The journey begins with some of the most magnificent scenery in all of Ireland. The little town of Dingle is straight out of a story book. The fishing boats in the harbor and tiny brightly painted pubs portray a time that has continued to stand still. The population of 1500 people and only 52 pubs are ready to welcome you this afternoon. Worth the wait is the native seafood chowder served up at lunch time with freshly baked brown bread. We continue on to Slea Head. Along the way, we will see bee hive style huts, originally inhabited by 12<sup>th</sup> century monks, which overlook the rugged Blasket Islands. The awe inspiring beauty of this particular area is unmatched. There is no other landscape in western Europe with the density and variety of archaeological monuments as found on the Dingle Peninsula. Overnight Killarney at <b>The Killarney Towers Hotel. Dinner is on your own. Music Session this evening!</b></p>
<p><b>Day 4</b>  <b>November 7</b>  <b>Saturday</b></p>	<p><b>Ring of Kerry.</b> After breakfast we enjoy an optional tour to <i>The beautiful Gap of Dunloe</i> in the Killarney National Park. We then start on a full day tour of "The Ring". There is an unspoiled nature to Ireland's most beautiful region and the <b>Ring of Kerry</b> provides many unforgettable memories as it passes through the many picturesque villages such as Glenbeigh, Waterville and Sneem and returns via Ladies View and the famous Lakes of Killarney. We continue to Kenmare and Molls Gap where we visit (optional) the <b>Kissane Sheep Farm</b>. This traditional Farm has approximately 1000 sheep. Time permitting you might also enjoy an hour of Horseback Riding at the Killarney Stables or a Jaunting Cart Ride through Killarney National Park (optional) Be sure and visit one of the three Lakes of Killarney, Lough Leane, The Upper Lake and The Lower Lake which is near the town. Overnight at <b>The Killarney Towers Hotel. Dinner is on your own. Music Session this evening!</b></p>
<p><b>Day 5</b>  <b>November 8</b>  <b>Sunday</b></p>	<p><b>Killarney-Blarney-Limerick-Galway.</b> Morning departure from Killarney where many new friends have been made. Our journey takes us east over the Kerry and Cork Mountains to Macroom where we pause for a short visit. This is the main market town for the Gaelic speaking region to the west. Macroom Castle dates from the 13<sup>th</sup> century and was the seat of the McCarthys of Muskerry. Oliver Cromwell granted it to Admiral Sir William Penn whose namesake son spent much of his childhood here and later founded the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We continue to Blarney with its famous 14<sup>th</sup> century kissing stone and plentiful woolen mills. We continue through Limerick, Ireland's 3<sup>rd</sup> largest city and home to author Frank McCourt who wrote Angela's Ashes. Limerick is an area steeped in history. The origin of Limerick city dates back to the 9th century a site settled by the Vikings. Limerick City is known as "City of the Broken Treaty", due to the treaty which was signed surrendering the city to William. The terms of the treaty included respect for the rights of Catholics were immediately breached. The treaty was signed on the Treaty Stone which can still be seen today. King John's Castle is a fortified 13th century Castle on 'King's Island' in the heart of medieval Limerick. It is on through Ireland's stony place (<i>Bhoireann</i>) the Burren, is home to rare alpine plants, delicate wonders that grow in the thin soil and crevices - gentians, orchids and maidenhair ferns amongst others. The survival of both alpine and Mediterranean plants in this unusual habitat continues to arouse and to delight its visitors. The Burren contains dozens of megalithic tombs, Celtic crosses and a ruined Cistercian Abbey dating from the 12th century, Corcomroe. You can find villages abandoned since famine times and green roads on which you can walk for miles without ever seeing a car. Our group arrives into Galway city. Galway is a thriving town noted for its cultural scene and its traditional Irish music sessions. Wander the winding pedestrian walkways and browse in the shops which are home of the famous Claddagh Ring. We take some time here to enjoy this youthful bustling town with a walk from Eyre Square down traditional "Shop Street". Overnight <b>Galway at The Imperial Hotel. Dinner is on your own. Music Session this evening!</b></p>

Day 6 November 9 Monday	<b>Aran Islands.</b> After a full Irish Breakfast we enjoy an <b>Optional Tour</b> of The Aran Islands. Inis Mór is the largest of the three Aran Islands and is the most developed in terms of tourist facilities. There are about 900 inhabitants on Inis Mór making it by far the most populated of the islands. The main village on the island is Kilonan, which has a quite large harbour that accommodates a vast amount of tourist travel to the island. There are minibuses as well as horse and carts to take people around. Those not taking the tour have a free day to explore Galway city. We return to Galway where we have plenty of time for browsing or shopping before enjoying a farewell dinner and overnight at our hotel. <b>(For those not travelling to Aran Islands you may enjoy the day at leisure in Galway) Overnight Galway at The Imperial Hotel. Farewell Dinner this evening at our hotel. Music Session this evening!</b>
Day 7 November 10 Tuesday	<b>Galway-Shannon-USA.</b> After breakfast we are transferred to Shannon Airport. In the off chance that you missed shopping opportunities, Shannon has a large Duty-Free Shop that you can visit once you are checked in for your flight. In the traditional Irish way we wish you "Safe Home".

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Round Trip Airfare from NYC to Ireland
- Deluxe motorcoach vehicle throughout your tour, including all transfers and sightseeing
- Services of professional Irish Driver and Guide.
- Five (5 Nights) First Class Accommodations as follows or similar:

Location	Hotel
Killarney	Killarney Towers Hotel-3 Nights **** <a href="http://www.odonoghue-ring-hotels.com">www.odonoghue-ring-hotels.com</a>
Galway	The Imperial Hotel-2 Nights *** <a href="http://www.imperialhotelgalway.ie">www.imperialhotelgalway.ie</a>
- Full Irish breakfast daily
- Two Dinners: 1 Killarney, 1 Galway
- Fully escorted sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one suitcases per person
- Hotel tips and taxes throughout (Except tips to your personal Driver/Guide)
- Deluxe portfolio of travel documents professionally executed

*Cancellation Penalties: (LAND) If written cancellation is received by Hammond Tour more than 120 days prior to departure, a processing fee of \$250.00 per person will apply. From 119 days to 60 days prior to departure, a cancellation penalty of \$600.00 per person will apply. 60 Days or less prior to departure- a 100% cancellation penalty fee applies.*

**Reservation Application**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on your NOVEMBER 4-10, 2009 (MCKRE1109)

I enclose a deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person) Deposit Due: **ASAP to hold seats**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit of \$350.00 due by July 1, 2009**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE: September 15, 2009**

Name (as on passport) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (work): \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Other passengers traveling with me \_\_\_\_\_

Room Type: Twin(2 Beds)/Double(1 Bed): \_\_\_\_\_ Single: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOU MUST PAY SINGLE RATE IF NOT TRAVELING WITH A COMPANION. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU NEED A ROOMMATE**

**Cancellation Insurance Per Person: Double (\$164.00) Single (\$200.00): Yes: \_\_ No: \_\_ (must be paid with deposit)**

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$529.00 (LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE) \_\_\_\_\_ YES**

**OPTIONAL ARAN ISLANDS TOUR \$69.00 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**OPTIONAL BUS FROM ALBANY \$125.00 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO**

**We Accept Visa, Mastercard & American Express. There is a 3% Charge for this service. No service charges on initial \$250.00 deposit \*Government Departure Tax is Always Subject to Change**

TOUR IS BASED ON MINIMUM 30 PARTICPANTS

AIRFARE IS NOT GUARANTEED UNTIL PACKAGE IS PAID IN FULL

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